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THE CHARLESTON CONVENTION.

Our dispatches from Charleston are meagre and unsatisfactory. The two Conventions were in full blast yesterday, but beyond a brief synopsis of the speeches of a few of the members of each, we have nothing intelligible of what was done or what is likely to be done. Evidently the breech is growing wider and deeper. The dispatch to Forney's *Press* expresses the belief that the secession is a matter of small consequence—that the seceding States will all go for Douglas if he is nominated, and that his nomination is a sure thing. This may be so, but there is nothing in the general dispatch to warrant such a conclusion. On the contrary, if the seceding delegations remain firm, there is much more probability of a "united South" than that the electoral votes of the Gulf States will be cast for Douglas.

A PROPHECY FULFILLED.

In the debate at Galesburg between Douglas and Lincoln, in 1858, the former dwelt upon the sectional character of the Republican organization. "You have," said he, "a sectional organization—a party which appeals to the Northern section of the Union against the Southern—a party which appeals to Northern passion, Northern pride, Northern ambition and Northern prejudices against Southern people, the Southern States and Southern institution. * * * *No political creed is sound which cannot be proclaimed fearlessly in every State of this Union.*" Mr Lincoln in reply called attention to the fact that Mr. Douglas did not and could not lay his finger upon anything in the Republican platform that was wrong or that entitled it to the appellation of sectional—that the only evidence he could produce in support of either charge was that in the Southern portion of the Union there are people who will not let Republican doctrines be proclaimed among them. Mr. Lincoln argued that this was no test of the soundness or nationality of the Democratic party, and added:

"I ask his attention, also, to the fact that by the rule of nationality he is himself fast becoming sectional. He is adopting a rule which will lose him his speeches would not go as current now south of the Ohio river as they have formerly gone there. I ask his attention to the fact that a Senatorial term ago he was hailed by the Democrats of the free States are agreeing with him. If he has not thought of this, I commend to his consideration the evidence of his own declaration, on this day, of his becoming sectional too. I see it rapidly approaching. Whatever may be the result of this ephemeral contest between Douglas and myself, I see that *the day rapidly approaching when his pill of sectionalism, which he has been thrusting down the throats of Bonnieboss for years past, will be crowded down his own throat.*"

The prediction embraced in the last sentence has been fulfilled earlier than Mr Lincoln probably expected it would be. The developments at Charleston, within the last few days, prove Mr. Douglas to be the head of an intensely sectional organization, and that he holds in doctrine "which cannot be proclaimed in every State of the Union."

The New York Delegates to the Chicago Convention.

A meeting of the New York Delegates to the Chicago Convention from the lower part of the State, together with two of the Delegates at large, about forty in all, was held at the Astor House in New York on the evening of the 27th ult. Hon. Wm. M. Evarts was chosen Chairman of the Delegation. A resolution was unanimously adopted that the Richmond House of this city be recommended as the best quarters of the New York delegation, and James Kelly, Esq., the Chairman of the State Central Committee, was requested to issue a call to all the Delegation to meet at the parlor of the Richmond House on Thursday, the 14th of May inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., at which the Central Committee will meet also at the same place, on the 15th or 17th, they being invited to do so by the National Republican Committee at Washington.

We learn that Thurlow Weed, Simeon Draper, Hon. Wm. M. Evarts, and many prominent New Yorkers, outside the delegation, have engaged rooms at the Richmond. Messrs. Taber, Hank & Co. have made arrangements for accommodating 800 persons in good style, during the sitting of the Convention.

CHICAGO PRODUCE TRADE.

The receipts and shipments of Produce, Live Stock, etc., during the past week will be found in the following comparative tables:

	Receipts.				Shipments.			
	Past week.	Prev. week.	Past year.	Same week 1859.	Past week.	Prev. week.	Past year.	Same week 1859.
Flour, bbls.	11,155	11,705	6,217	7,305	11,647	8,791	4,217	6,179
Wheat, bu.	91,943	78,944	43,447	194,241	27,400	24,807	6,000	84,997
Corn, bu.	29,459	111,400	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000
Oats, bu.	11,130	16,027	19,914	9,961	15,109	22,000	2,000	1,000
Barley, bu.	3,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Rye, bu.	2,805	5,719	5,393	393	3,305	2,000	1,000	393
Cattle, No.	97	36	55		1,233	1,000		
Hogs, No.	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Sheep, No.	445	302	297	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Lumber, M. ft.	863,196	2,029	5,000	888,788	65,000	288,297		
Shingles, M.	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

The markets during the past week have been active and buoyant. Flour advanced 25@30c. Wheat has advanced 6@7c. Corn has been buoyant and the market excited—closing 1@2c higher. Oats advanced 1c. Highwines more active and 1c better. Rye and Barley firm. Freights advanced 1c per bushel. Provisions quiet and firm. Lard scarce and in active request. Rides in good demand and firm. Clover seed advanced 25c. Timothy seed scarce and 10c higher.

Official Returns of the Great Fight.

Full reports of the fight between Heenan and Sayers from *Wilkes' Spirit of the Times* and *Bell's Life in London* will be found in another part of this paper.

TRIBUNE PAGE.—A variety of interesting matter will be found on the third page of this morning's PRESS AND TRIBUNE.

☞ The Rockford *News*, a professed neutral, but severely doughface, has breathed its last issue. The people of Winnebago are not given to supporting pro-slavery newspapers, sailing under any guise. The *News* fell a victim to its subsidiary principles.

The Split.

Special Dispatch to the Cincinnati Gazette.

CHARLESTON, April 30th.

The Democratic party is irretrievably sectionalized, and disrupted from tarret to foundation stone. Almost the entire South will eventually secede.

When it was declared by a delegate that in sixty days from this time there will be a united South, the hall rang with tremendous applause from many parts. The excitement was intense and universal.

The remainder of the Convention can now nominate Douglas, if they desire.

The South withdraws the platform adopted as a test and a swindle, and boldly proclaim it as the disgrace and dishonor of the party.

M. H.

From Mexico's Montezuma Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, April 26.

Sam Houston sends a dispatch to the Secretary of War, which was received to-day and will be sent to the House to-morrow, upon which the General Government for immediate assistance in expelling the savage Indians from the State. He recites a catalogue of late proceedings, says citizens of the Indian country from Texas, and asserts that if the United States Government fails to take measures to restore peace to the frontier, the people will soon produce a man who will consider it his destiny to make it a nationality.

New York Items.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Two fugitive slaves from Maryland were arrested in this city yesterday, and, on examination before the Commissioner, were ordered to be sent back to their owners, in Liberty District, Md. They are now on their way there. There was no disturbance.

The dwelling house of a man named Hobbs, harvest at Orange, N. J., yesterday, and four barns were destroyed. Loss $35,000. Insurance $6,000 in different insurance companies.

Letter Victim, New York, September, 1859.
Dr. Parsons' Purgative Gum seems to be the most powerful and speedy remedy for Costiveness, Piles, Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, &c., that it is possible for the family, reliable, and safe medicine for regulating family.

THE TWO PLATFORMS.

Reported by the Majority and Minority of the Committee on Resolutions.

CHARLESTON, April 30, 1860.

THE MAJORITY REPORT.

The following is the majority report:

Resolved, That the Platform adopted by the Democratic party at Cincinnati be affirmed, with the following explanatory resolutions:

First, That the Government of a Territory organized by an act of Congress is provisional and temporary, and during its existence all citizens of the United States have an equal right to settle with their property in the Territory, without their rights, either of person or property, being destroyed or injured by Congressional or Territorial legislation.

Second, That it is the duty of the Federal Government, in all the departments, to protect the rights of persons and property in the Territories, and wherever else its constitutional authority extends.

Third, That when the settlers in a Territory, having an adequate population form a State Constitution, the right of sovereignty commences, and being consummated by their admission into the Union, they stand on an equality with the people of other States, and a State thus organized ought to be admitted into the Federal Union, whether its Constitution prohibits or recognizes the institution of slavery.

Resolved, That the Democratic party are in favor of the acquisition of Cuba, on such terms as shall be honorable to ourselves and just to Spain.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1860.

WHICH HAS THE RIGHT?

Conceding the correctness of the fundamental belief held by each of the contending factions at Charleston, viz: the belief that the "*Federal Constitution, by its own vigor, carries Slavery into the Territories of the United States*," the Southern men in the Convention are clearly, undisputably and logically right. If the Constitution recognizes property in man, which the Douglas men admit; if it extends to the Territories, and carries with it the right to hold that property therein, which the Douglas men also admit, "unfriendly legislation"—Mr. Douglas' last dodge—is asking just a scheme by which a body of Territorial lawmakers assume to set aside, or officially nullify, a provision of the Constitution of the United States. There is no escape from this glaring absurdity—this submission of great judicial questions to a town meeting! We do not wonder that the South has seceded. Acknowledgment of the binding force of the Dred Scott decision, and denial of the only protection under that decision, which the "property" of Southern men can have, where it encounters a dominant free-soil sentiment, was an insult to the South which her sons did well to resent. It was a confession at once of weakness and dishonesty on the part of their Northern allies, which the States most vitally interested in slavery could not but rebuke.

It is well known that Republicans hold that both parties are wrong—that the Constitution does not extend to the Territories—that it does not recognize property in man—that the Dred Scott decision, or rather the threatened decision, is a judicial enormity the consummation of which must be legally and constitutionally prevented. But it is as well known that Republican objection to the Calhounism which is the corner-stone of the pro-slavery party and the basis of the Dred Scott iniquity, is mainly in the fact, that a Congressional Slave Code follows its adoption as logically as effect ever follows cause; and we are sure that when Calhounism or Dred Scottism or modern Democracy, by whatever name called, is the admitted and unquestioned law of the land, a Slave Code will be submitted to as a necessary and inevitable deduction of the established premises. There is no escape from it. If men, women and children—black, particolored and in some cases pure white,—are property as horses are property or as corn is property, the obligation to protect that property is imperative, and the party that denies or impairs it does a wrong which nothing can justify. Hence while we continue to assert, the fundamental error of both the parties in the squabble at Charleston, and to uphold the Republican doctrine as the antipodes and corrective of the new fangled and despotic notions to which all the pro-slavery men are committed, we should be neither fair nor honest, did we not, as between the South and the Douglasites, point out the logical consistency of the former, and the evasions and shuffling of the latter. No right conferred by the Constitution of the country can be a barren right. No right so conferred can be nullified by a less power than the Constitution itself; least of all, can it be denied by a Territorial Legislature—a political assemblage unknown to the Constitution—a town meeting of the commonest sort. Yet, such a body, according to Douglas, has the power to nullify the fundamental law, backed up by a decision of the Supreme Court! Is it any wonder that the South is ashamed, disgusted and outraged?

ANOTHER DECISION.

The Democracy will have the matter satisfactorily arranged after awhile. One by one they pulled down all the barriers against the extension of slavery erected by the founders of the Government, and then, through a facile Supreme Court, obtained a decision which gives a Constitutional guarantee to the institution in all our territories, overriding Congressional prohibition and unfriendly local legislation. Next, through the United States District Courts in Georgia, the law of Congress declaring the African Slave Trade to be piracy, has been decided to be applicable only to such as go into the wilds of Africa and kidnap free people; that the trader who goes to the Bight of Benin and buys his cargo, is engaged in a legitimate vocation, and cannot be held amenable under the law of Congress, for piracy or any other crime. The last decision, just made in the United States Circuit Court for Alabama, Judge Jones presiding, relieves the purchasers of such imported negroes from the operations of the law. In this case, Horatio N. Gould and others were indicted under the law of Congress, for purchasing slaves illegally imported by other persons into the country. The prosecution was dismissed by the Court, substantially on the following ground: "Slaves" being by the Constitution placed on precisely the same footing as all other "property, the federal jurisdiction extends over them in precisely the same "manner and the same extent, but no more "than all other property. Thus, so long as "unbroken merchandise arrives in unbroken "bulk, the federal jurisdiction extends over "it; but as soon as the cargo is broken and "the merchandise disposed among the several "purchasers, it can only be reached by process of the State Courts. Hence, whatever laws "Congress may enact against the original importer of African slaves, they cannot be "made to apply to the purchaser who acquired the property within the limits and by "the laws of an individual State." This will do. It sweeps away the last barrier against the African Slave Trade. It makes the law of Congress, which prohibits it, of no practical value; and, in connection with the recent decision of Judge Mograth, it opens an unobstructed highway between the barracoons of the African coast and the plantations of Louisiana and Georgia. Let us summarize the progress of Democracy:

1. The Constitution carries slavery into the Territories, and neither Congress nor the Territorial Legislatures have the power to prohibit its introduct on.

2. The African Slave Trade is put upon the same footing with every other description of commerce, provided the slaves are purchased, not kidnapped, on the coast of Africa; and—

3. It is not a violation of law to purchase imported slaves, provided "bulk has been broken" and the slaves dispersed.

—There remains but one more step to place the matter precisely where the Democracy wish it: That is the passage of Douglas' proposed Sedition law, which punishes with fine and imprisonment the holding of anti-Slavery sentiments. With that law in force, slavery would have nothing more to ask.

THE GREAT FIGHT.

Disguise it as we may, men love the details of a fight. Battles between contending armies no matter how graphically described, fail to reach the comprehension of the mass of readers. They know nothing of the strategy and but little more of the nomenclature of war; hence they look impatiently at the strategetic descriptions, and so turn over to the result and the exciting particulars, which deal with the killed, the wounded and the incidents. But a fight between two men comes home to every man's bone and muscle. He knows the effect of blows upon the person, the muscular effort required to sustain a two hours contest in which every fiber of the frame is brought into vigorous play, and the doggedness, or, call it courage, necessary to the unflinching endurance of the pummeling which would kill a two-year old bull outright. Everything is clear, interesting and exciting. Individual prowess lost sight of in modern warfare, here comes into full play. The reader, as well as the spectator, has it all in his mind's eye—all before him at a glance. Add these facts to the natural love of blood and savagery in the human breast, which no civilization can tame, and we shall cease to wonder why it is that the not-to-be-named Beenan and Sayers has excited such a keen interest all over the land, or why it is that the details of the brutal business in which they were engaged will receive attention from every newspaper in the land. Gentlemen who would not wipe their muddy boots on visitors to the house, for fear of defilement, have visited the scenes of the fight, a degree of labor which they did not care to exercise, and of expense which they could not afford, to witness a prize fight, would indignantly discontinue the favorite journal which failed to promptly post them up in all that appertains to the disgraceful mill. We yield to the demand and present this morning such authentic particulars as have come to hand, expressing our gratification that the snatching of the coveted prize from Heenan, which he had fought for and won, by a trick to which none but rowdies would resort, has exploded the notion upon which the English devotees of the Prize Ring have insisted,—the notion that honor, manliness and fair dealing are the invariable accompaniments of the fistic art.

PROPHETIC BENTON.

Mr. Benton never had credit for the keen and accurate vision with which he saw into the future of American politics. He was the first to comprehend the designs of his great antagonist, Mr. Calhoun; and though his loud and repeated warnings to his countrymen against the heresies of opinion which the South Carolinian entertained, and against the treason to the Union which he waited the opportunity to practice, were for many years unheeded, the events of to-day prove that Mr. Benton was a prophet of no mean endowments, and a patriot whose memory the country should honor. While praising that foresight which enabled him to detect disloyalty to Democracy and the Union, in the specious pretences of Mr. Calhoun, we must not forget that Mr. Douglas came within the prophet's vision, and excited his contemptuous remark. Classing Calhoun among the traitors who have made historical names by the flagrancy of their crimes, he could only dignify Mr. Douglas as a demagogue too wicked to be pitied and too dangerous to be despised. He left the world, however, the comforting assurance, before he died, that Mr. Calhoun's plans would be thwarted when spread before the people, and that the seat of Mr. Douglas' pants was too near the ground to admit of his climbing into the Presidential chair. Prophetic to the last! The result of the Convention at Charleston will prove both the last predictions in the same day.

Faith in the Pope's Bull.

The *Freeman's Journal* (Catholic organ) is greatly shocked at the irreverent manner in which American journals speak of the Pope's bull of major excommunication. It says the spiritual power of excommunication is as great now as it was in the middle ages, and that laughing at it neither weakens its force nor convicts the Pope of folly. It attributes the first Napoleon's downfall to his excommunication by Pius VII, and thinks that Louis Napoleon will go the same way, now that he is under the ban of the Church. Already the bull is doing its work. Says the *Journal*:

"Since Victor Emanuel incurred excommunication by the spoliation of Church property in Sardinia, *the hand of death has been heavy upon his family*. This fact has been remarked by persons around his own Court, and the *House of Savoy take fear to be as speedily extinguished under the stroke of the Church as were the Pontiffs in their day, after the excommunication of Henry III.*"

There have been three or four steamers from Europe since the bull was issued, and it is a little remarkable that the *Journal* is the only paper that has this news. Neither the European journals, nor the foreign correspondents of American journals, have heard of any deaths in the family of Victor Emanuel since the date of the Pope's fulmination against him and his subjects; nor would it be at all clear, were it otherwise, that they were due to the bull. The *Journal* appears to have forgotten the age and the country in which it has its being, and seems to believe that the superstitious fears of ignorance on the one hand and sacerdotal craft on the other, can be as successfully used to promote the ends of the Church now, as during the middle ages. It will probably discover its mistake by and by.

MR. LINCOLN AND THE GERMANS.

The Baltimore *Turnzeitung*, the central organ of the German Turner Band of the United States, which Society consists of more than 20,000 members, has declared in favor of ABRAHAM LINCOLN for the Presidency, believing him to be the strongest candidate the Republican party could bring forward. The *Turnzeitung* predicates its preference for Mr. LINCOLN on the ground that he is the safest and most available man in the Republican party, and that with him we can win the Democracy, whoever may be the Charleston nominee. We translate the following from the article:

"Mr. Douglas be nominated by the Democrats; it is then the imperative duty, not only on the ground of honor, but also of availability, for the Republicans to assemble around a man, by whom the better part of the country can be excited to enthusiasm. If on the score of expediency we pass Mr. Seward by, then will Mr. LINCOLN be the man, as a matter of course. The best shrewdness and energy of party tactics dealt with the "Little Giant," and came out of that Titan-fight as victor, because he conquered for his party in Illinois more votes than Douglas for his; and Douglas had to thank the unjust apportionment of the State, for his re-election to the Senate of the United States. *Lincoln is a standard-bearer like for the Republicans early sounds to certain of victory*, even against Mr. Douglas, and at all events, it would be shielded against the approach of a dishonorable defeat. In the worst event our party could retreat with flying colors from the battlefield, and obtain, after a lapse of four years, in accordance with the census of 1860, which will lay the foundation of this Union into the hands of the great North-west, a certain victory."

STATE POLITICS.

MADISON COUNTY.—The Republicans of Madison County held their Convention at Edwardsville on the 27th ult., and elected George T. Brown, F. S. Rutherford, John R. Woods, C. R. Harrison, Joseph Gillespie, Calvin Kinder, Dr. H. Wing, S. A. Aldrich, John Estabrook, John Blatner, and John Ellison, delegates to the Decatur Convention.

The following resolutions among others were passed:

Resolved, That in the Hon. LYMAN TRUMBULL the distinguished Senator from this State and Country, we recognize the representative of the great principles sustained by a majority of the people of this State, and pledge ourselves to his gentleman in every per ct nage to the re-election of that honorable and faithful statesman, whose able services has so long adorned the Senate of the United States.

Resolved, That the interests of education require that a liberal and efficient system for the support of Public Instruction should be continued in office—that the Republican party will, to the utmost practicable extent, place the control and management among those which are allotted to sections of the State, or the desire of the citizens, and

Resolved, That the following persons are nominated and elected to the office or superintendent of Public Instruction in this gentleman in every per centage to the responsible office of that high and important station, whose admirable qualities has so long endeared him to the hearts of the people of Illinois.

Resolved, That we recommend the Convention at Decatur to re-nominate the Hon. NEWTON BATEMAN.

Resolved, That in the drafts of Gov. RISLEY, the country has found a statesman of the highest order, the State of Illinois an upright Executive, and the Republican party an able exponent and a bright ornament.

MERCER COUNTY.—The Republicans of Henry county held their Convention at Cambridge, on the 28th ult.—James M. Allan, of Geneseo, Chairman; C. P. Bailey, of Galva, Secretary. The Convention elected the following gentlemen delegates to the Decatur Convention: Jas. M. Allan, G. W. Foote, H. W. Wells, Hiram, O. Johnson, Geo. E. Wait, H. Van Order, T. M. Herbert.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing and reaffirming the Philadelphia platform as the governmental policy of this Republic; presenting the Hon. ABRAHAM LINCOLN as the first choice of Henry county for President; endorsing the action of our entire Republican delegation in Congress, and particularly that of Representative WM. KELLOGG, of the Fourth District, and recommending his return; expressing the fullest confidence in the integrity of our present State officers—DUBOIS, HATCH, and BUTLER, and recommending their re-election; presenting the Hon. O. A. Jones as the first choice of the county for the Governor.

SANGAMON COUNTY.—The Republicans of Sangamon County held their convention at Springfield on Saturday the 28th ult., and elected Washington Hall, Peyton Harrison, S. T. Logan, James C. Conkling, Preston Breckenridge, Samuel Jones, Thomas Curling, R. N. Ham, F. F. Hopping, Charles Cantrall, John T. King, S. Childs, E. L. Baker, W. Jayne, Jesse Pickrell delegates to the Decatur Convention. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That our distinguished fellow-citizen, the tall pioneer of Sangamon county, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, is our first and choice for President of the United States, and we deem ourselves honored in be permitted to testify our appreciation of his many virtues, his ability as a statesman, his incorruptible worth as a private citizen, his faithful and able discharge of every public trust committed to his care, and the extraordinary natural gifts and brilliant intellect with which he is endowed, which have won for him a world wide fame, and which will also make it in the power of the nation to honor, the truest statesman, and most civil patriot of the age.

Resolved, That the Hon. RICHARD YATES is our first choice for candidate for Governor, and we pledge him our hearty support.

Resolved, That our delegates be requested to present the name of WILLIAM BEVERE to the Republican State Convention, for nomination for State Treasurer, as the man who now holds by our choice, and we deem ourselves honored to be permitted to testify our appreciation of

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1860.

PATIENCE AND MATRIMONY.

"A young man married is twice happy."
So everything is to some end;
He worries we've told, what Joshua White,
And her's was Patience Warner.

We much the pretty maiden said,
Besides the young man's fortune;
Her cheeks were dimpled a rosy red,
Her eyes beat on her knitting

Now she is Mrs. Joshua White,
As her fingers well can tell;
For a thimbled finger is on the index,

While as for Joshua, bother,
His words grow few and fewer;
He's learning to knit, I'm told, truth,
Of Patience Warner.

Meantime her ball of yarn goes out,
She knitting fast and faster;
And he finds give him all, no doubt,
To get another ready.

He held the skein of course the thread
Got tangled, snarled and twisted;
"Have patience, dear," the Artless maid,
To him who her assisted.

Good cheer replieth for patience first then
Then, all the world's your own;
Have Patience, dear," cried he, "dearest girl,
And may I really have her?"

The knot was done; no more that night
Untied the nor less in the corner,
Patience Warner.

TERRIBLE STEAMBOAT DISASTER

BURNING OF THE A. R. LACEY.

ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE LIVES LOST.

Incidents and Particulars of the Disaster.

[From the Mo. Democrat of April 30th.]

The Lacey left St. Louis on Tuesday last, at 12 M., with about eight hundred tons of freight, composed of corn, oats, whisky, heat, bacon, &c., an assorted cargo, and 116 head of cattle. The balance of the cargo was taken in at Cape Girardeau, Bird's Point and Cairo. There were forty or fifty passengers on board—about twenty-five in the cabin, and the balance on deck. Among the cabin passengers were Mr. Lacey, President of the Cape Girardeau Bank, his lady, and two children. Mr. Lacey was one of the owners of the boat. Everything promised a pleasant and profitable trip. On Thursday evening last, about ten o'clock, while the steamer was abreast of Island 16, at Beale's Point, and 125 miles below Cairo, a fire was discovered by the watch on the forward deck. The alarm was immediately given, and Captain Taylor, the pilot of the boat, with others, immediately rushed to the spot and found an open bale of hay in flames. Every effort was made to throw it overboard, but the flames spread so rapidly, and communicated to the other bales in the vicinity, that their efforts proved fruitless. The alarm was then given, and attempts were made by the officers to get the crew together, and thus endeavor to save the passengers. But they refused to do anything, except to secure their own safety. By this time the excitement had spread over the boat, and men, women and children were running in every direction, uttering the most frantic cries.

All became confusion, and a general rush was made to the rear of the boat, where parties threw themselves into the river—many of whom were drowned. The cattle became frantic in their endeavors to escape the fire, but being firmly secured, were all burned, with the exception of a few who jumped overboard and were lost.

The captain, as soon as possible gave orders for the boat to be headed for the shore. This was immediately done, the pilot and engineer remaining at their posts until the boat had reached the landing, and with the assistance of those on shore safely effected a landing. Mr. Lacey then spoke through the trumpet to the engineers, exclaiming "Done with the engines," the usual remark made by that officer on all such occasions. The engineers replied "All right," and then, and not till then, did they leave their posts. If all had behaved as collectedly and brave as those two men and the engineers, there is little doubt that many lives might have been saved.

Not a single dollar in money, or a single article of clothing, save that worn by the parties who were on board at the time, was saved; of the passengers having jumped overboard in their night clothes.

INCIDENTS OF THE CATASTROPHE—HEART-RENDING SCENES.

Capt. Lacey of Cape Girardeau, together with his wife and two children, one an interesting little boy aged about eight years, and the other a little girl of four or five years were among the passengers. On discovering the fire, he safely stepped out of his state-room, he met Capt. Lacey rushing toward the stern of the boat to save his family. He exclaimed, after him, telling him not to risk his life to save the women, for he thought the bale of hay in which the fire was first discovered had been thrown overboard, and there was no danger. Our informant then hastened into his state-room, drew on his pants and once more stepping into the cabin, was confounded and terrified at the progress of the flames, which had already made inroads into the front part of the cabin, and were carrying everything before them. He then ran back to assist the ladies and children in their escape. Seeing Capt. Lacey with his boy in one hand and his little girl in the other, while his wife, frantic with fright, was clinging to his person, he approached the Captain and told him if he would give him the little girl he would try to save her. The Captain gave her up, she going willingly without a word of objection, while her little mother clung to his father, and in a moment after, with her arms clinging round his neck, he bravely plunged into the water. The child struggled very much at first, but finally succumbed, and, but still clung to our informant's neck, who struck out for the shore.

He had swam but a short distance when he was assailed by a German woman, who in her frantic struggle, pushed him and the little girl beneath the surface, which again caused her to struggle, but she still held on. Nearing a drift pile both our informant and his precious charge were sucked under the logs by the treacherous waves and current, and while under, struggling for his own life, having been nearly strangled, he missed the grasp of the little girl around his neck, and she, probably caught by her night dress in the drift, was lost. Our informant on emerging from the drift happily caught a log, on which he floated until rescued by the yawl about a mile below. Capt. Lacey's little boy was taken from his father and saved by the noble exertions of Mr. Wm. Mundy, the pilot, who, after his safe arrival on shore was so exhausted that he had to be drawn up by the bank. The engineers, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Owens, assisted Capt. Lacey and his wife to the shore.

A large number of the deck passengers threw themselves overboard, and many were drowned. One German most inhumanly left his two young children in their beds to be consumed by the fire while he made good his escape to shore. One poor Irish woman who was confined to her berth by the St. Vitus dance was lost. Another Irish woman with whom the maternal feeling was as strong as life itself, wrapped her little babe in a blanket and safely reached the shore with the precious bundle in her arms. Her anguish may be imagined when, in unwinding the blanket, she found her child suffocated and dead. One man who jumped overboard, with a life preserver on, was, strangely, found drowned. Several deck passengers were seen by our informant, to pass ashore in the drift pile, and were undoubtedly drowned. Mr. Blaze, first mate, remained on the boat until he got the yawl launched, when he went to the assistance of those in the water, and rescued fifteen, who would otherwise have been drowned.

The drift pile, which was opposite the stern of the boat, was the means of saving many persons. It also caused the drowning of several. When the liner rope, on the starboard side, was burned, the steam was thrown into the cylinder, and the wheel commenced revolving, which created such strong waves against the drift that several of those struggling in the water were carried under and drowned.

VALUATION AND INSURANCE OF THE BOAT.

The A. T. Lacey has been running about three years, being a regular St. Louis and New Orleans packet. She was built at Cape Girardeau about three years ago, and is of a flatboat model, elongated at Paducah. She was an excellent steamer, valued at $60,000, and insured in this city for two-thirds of that amount. Mr. Lacey and Dr. Bradley, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., owned one half of the steamer, and Capt. Geo. Taylor, her commander, the other half. Capt. Taylor is a veteran on the river, and is recognized universally as a careful and judicious boatman.

Rocky Mountain Wagon Road—Safety of Lieut. Mullen's Command.

[Correspondence of the Mo. Republican.]

FORT RIDDLE, Upper Missouri, April 1, 1860.

Mr. Dawson, agent for the American Fur Co., residing at this point, Col. Vaughn, agent for the Blackfeet Indians, with other persons, leave here to-day for St. Louis, via Missouri river; an opportunity is thus offered to communicate briefly several items of popular interest to your widely circulated journal.

By the arrival of an express from his main camp, we have receipt of information from Lieut. Mullen's expedition, which wintered in a mountain gorge, some twenty miles from the eastern base of the Bitter Root range of mountains, in latitude 47 deg. 25 min. Spring had opened in good earnest, to the delight of all, after the tedium and monotony of the past dreary winter in the Rocky mountains, and work on the wagon road was resumed, the different detachment of civilians and soldiers being distributed at various segments of the proposed line of location from the Bitter Root river on to Hell Gate, at the latter point, the major portion of the command would be concentrated, as it is here the greatest difficulties are offered. Reaching the Big Hell defile, the forces would be detached towards a course bearing more northeast, taking either the little or Big Blackfoot Pass in crossing the range of the Rocky mountain ridge to reach Fort Benton.

It is the intention of Lieut. M. to put to work every possible man capable of plying an axe or a pick, and make an ambitious attempt to reach here in time to connect with Gholson's steamer in July, should the latter not have left St. Louis. Several sub-parties of engineers have been ordered out to explore the different country, and obtain valuable topographical data. An astronomical party is ordered here, with the view of determining the "lay" of the general line of location, and the latitude of this cardinal point, forming the distal terminus of the line. The command were cheerful and harmonious, glad to get to work once more. Good health prevailed generally among the men. Edward Murray, the unfortunate soldier, both of whose legs were amputated in the winter, had entirely recovered, and was performing duty in the state of efficiency, preserving the main camp, as also the working parties, from Indian depredations.

From the foregoing account of the progress of this public work, it would appear that the long contested question of uniting the Columbia and Missouri waters, via an overland route, is being fast determined, and its favorable solution must materially influence the future of no point on the Missouri more than Fort Benton.

FORT NEGRO KILLER.—In Columbia county, Ga., on Monday, a crazy negro man, belonging to Hon. Pope, went to the negro burying ground owned by Col. T. Clanton, and brained all of Col. Clanton's four negroes. One was an old lady, who had been a faithful servant of Mr. Clanton, the overseer. After killing the negroes, he shot the overseer, Mr. Whigham, the ball entering the left breast, but being turned aside by a rib, passed through the body, coming out on the right side. Mr. Whigham is still living, but his recovery is doubtful. The negro was finally secured, and committed to jail.

Fire Robs Executioner of Prey.

The Pekin Republican of Friday, furnishes us with the following account of a tragedy which occurred at Hopedale, in Tazewell county, on Tuesday night of last week:

The parties in the affair were a young man by the name of McDowell and another named Finley. It appears that several days before the murder had been had, at some time previous, to put a church in trim for some kind of meeting, and several young men assisted them. After this was a singing school which Finley was attending on Tuesday night, when McDowell called him out and accused him of making some depreciating remarks concerning certain young ladies engaged in the house cleaning above referred to. This Finley denied, when a quarrel ensued, and McDowell threw off his coat and swore he would have the affair "settled" then and there. Finley said it anything but a fight would do him, he must have it, and preparing to defend himself, stepped back a step or two and waited for an attack. McDowell struck him and he returned the blow, whereupon the former drew a knife and stabbed him in the temple, and in the right side, causing his almost immediate death. A Coroner's inquest was held, and a verdict returned in accordance with the above. It must be remembered that the stab in the temple had penetrated to the brain, and in his side the knife had passed entirely through the liver. McDowell was arrested, and on examination committed to await trial. Yesterday forenoon, Edward McDowell, was also, in some way, concerned in the affair; he was bound over under $600 bonds, and committed in default of bail. He was brought down yesterday morning, by Constable Davis, and lodged in jail.

From the testimony of some of the witnesses, and, indeed, from all that we can learn, it appears that the knife used by McDowell was a rakish looking thing, for such cases "made and provided," it is represented as having a blade of some six inches long and one inch wide. The knife, however, which he gave the Constable and which he and some of the witnesses swear was the one he used, is a very ordinary pocket knife. Public feeling in Hopedale is very bitter against McDowell. Finley was buried yesterday, at 10 o'clock.

Effects of the Late Frost.

Vegetables and fruits in this vicinity have been seriously injured by the frost of last week. The frosts of Wednesday and Thursday nights killed the early corn and the fruit crop in the neighborhood of Hannibal, Mo.—*St. Louis Democrat.*

In the vicinity of Louisville, the recent frosts appear to have been about as destructive as at any other point from which we have heard. In gardens where they had not artificial protection, tomatoes, beans, corn, cabbage, &c., have been either cut to the ground or materially damaged. Peas, with their usual hardiness, stand unscathed, and also also radishes, beets, &c. From the country, several miles out, we hear of similar destruction.

We have not had many reports as to the amount of damage done to fruit, but presume it has been considerable. In Fewee Valley, a correspondent writes us, the first bloom of peaches is dropped in all vineyards, and entirely destroyed in some. By the frost of Wednesday night and the sunshine of yesterday, the young leaves of the raisins and the blossoms in many cases burnt to a black crisp. Apples and peaches, what there is of them, do not appear to be suffering only from the effects of frost, so far as our correspondent had examined, were measurably uninjured.—[*Louisville Journal.*

The thermometer on Thursday morning was low as 35, with a heavy frost, and on Friday morning marked down to 25, killing vines and cutting down all tender plants, corn potatoes, and vegetables generally. On Friday evening the frost was not quite as heavy. The extreme dry weather may save the apples, but the effect upon the fruit crop as about gone up. We can only hope that our fears may not be realized.—Fruit trees were about three weeks earlier in bloom than last year, and the frost of last year were here was on April 17th.—[*Quincy Republican.*

The Fraud on the Georgia State Bank.

In the early part of last week, Mr. J. S. Sullivan of Richmond, Texas, arrested a man calling himself J. Green, under the suspicion that he was the person who perpetrated the fraud on the State Bank, by means of which he obtained the unlawful possession of over twenty-one thousand dollars. The grounds upon which Mr. Sullivan proceeded, and of a character to justify the anticipation that the perpetrator of the deed has been caught. Upon his person was found seventeen hundred dollars in bills on the Bank of the State of Georgia, and his personal appearance answered to the description of the forger, which had been transmitted to the Sheriff of Fort Bend there. Finley said it anything but a fight would do him, he must have it, and preparing to defend himself, stepped back a step or two and waited for an attack. McDowell struck him and he returned the blow, whereupon the former drew a knife and stabbed him in the temple, and in the right side, causing his almost immediate death. A Coroner's inquest was held, and a verdict returned in accordance with the above. It must be remembered that the stab in the temple had penetrated to the brain, and in his side the knife had passed entirely through the liver. McDowell was arrested, and on examination committed to await trial. Yesterday forenoon, Edward McDowell, was also, in some way, concerned in the affair; he was bound over under $600 bonds, and committed in default of bail. He was brought down yesterday morning, by Constable Davis, and lodged in jail.

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Financial and Commercial.

MONETARY.

TUESDAY EVENING, May 1st, 1860.

Bankers do not agree to-day as to the condition of the exchange market. Some report the demand light and easy at quotations viz., 1¼ per cent. premium for currency, while others reply that the demand is brisk and the market rather firm. The majority anticipate a further decline, and another ¼ will probably be realized before the week closes. The business public have so long and so patiently submitted to enormous shaves, that it is but fair that they should now have their turn. The only result of par exchange to be dreaded that we can think of, would be the absorption of large amounts of it in the purchase of stocks on which to issue more "well secured currency," thus inflating prices, and preventing an influx of a reasonable amount of coin as a safeguard against a return to high rates of exchange. But under our present banking law, there is no way of guarding against abuses like that to which we have referred. The next Legislature can and certainly is in duty bound to provide an effectual remedy.

The Louis Bank.—The weekly statements of the St. Louis city banks for the week ending Saturday evening, April 28th, are as follows: it will be perceived there is an aggregate decrease in every line, circulation, exchanges and coin:

Banks.	Circulation.	Dr. Maturing.	Specie
Merchants' Bank	$65,113	$74,631	$4,201
Bank of St. Louis	39,070	39,161	20,761
Bank of Commerce	61,780	70,000	20,000
Missouri Bank	41,780	100,000	74,000
Exchange Bank	20,000	100,000	74,000
Boatmen's Bank	25,000	100,000	74,000
Union Bank	74,000	200,000	98,417
Total	$326,743	$683,792	$363,379
Decrease	$7,031	$151,327	$4,700

Statement of the Boatmen's Savings Institution for the week ending 28th inst.:

Cash	$102,726 12
Deposits and interest	101,288 12
Increase	$1,437
Currency	$1,437
Specie	0

The Real Estate Saving Institution shows $8,235 of coin this evening.

CANADA GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—Traffic for the week ending 27th April 1860:

Passengers	$12,726 77
Freight	31,722 81
Mails, &c.	1,245 45
Total	$45,695 03
Corresponding week last year	39,941 98
Increase	$5,753 05

COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING, May 1, 1860.

WEEKLY REVIEW.—The movement of produce during the past week will be found in the following tables:

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS OF LEADING ARTICLES AT CHICAGO.

	Week ending	Since Prior.	Since Jan. 1.	Same time 1859.
Flour, bbls	14,150	11,000	180,000	180,000
Wheat, bush	11,667	11,667	1,400,000	1,400,000
Corn, bush	30,000	411,000	2,870,475	980,316
Oats, bush	11,000	11,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Barley, bush	19,000	141,000	2,400,000	1,100,000
Rye, bush	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Pork, bbls	250	250	11,000	11,000
Lard, bbls	200	200	2,000	2,000
Cut Meats, lbs	200,000	200,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Tobacco, hhds	200	200	2,000	2,000
Tobacco, bales	200	200	2,000	2,000
Live Hogs, No.	3,777	3,777	60,000	60,000
Dressed Hogs, No.	1,000	1,000	20,000	20,000
Cattle, No.	177,777	177,777	2,000,000	2,000,000
Flour, bbls		21,000	21,000	21,000
Wheat, bush	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Corn, bush	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
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RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY CANAL SATURDAY.

RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
Lumber, ft	360,000	Tobacco, lbs	1,400
Shingles, No.	1,000	Pork, bbls	200
Staves, No.	1,000	Lard, bbls	200
Wheat, bush	1,000	Apples, bbls	200
Corn, bush	1,000	Potatoes, bbls	200
Oats, bush	1,000	Whisky, bbls	200
Barley, bush	1,000	Hides, No.	200
Rye, bush	1,000	Wool, lbs	200
Flour, bbls	1,000	Furniture, lbs	1,000
Pork, bbls	1,000	Leather, lbs	1,000
Lard, bbls	1,000	Wool, lbs	1,000
Tobacco, lbs	1,000	Furniture, lbs	1,000
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